109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

H.R. 5154

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for teleworking.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 6, 2006

Mr. Pombo introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
- 4 This Act may be cited as the "Traffic Reduction
- 5 Through Technology Act of 2006".
- 6 SEC. 2. CREDIT FOR TELEWORKING.
- 7 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart B of part IV of sub-
- 8 chapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of
- 9 1986 (relating to other credits) is amended by inserting
- 10 after section 30C the following new section:

"SEC. 30D. CREDIT FOR TELEWORKING.

2 "(a	a)	GENERAL	Rule	-There	shall	be	allowed	as	a
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- 3 credit against the tax imposed by this chapter for any tax-
- 4 able year an amount equal to the telework tax credit.
- 5 "(b) Telework Tax Credit.—For purposes of this
- 6 section—
- 7 "(1) QUALIFIED EMPLOYER.—In the case of a
- 8 qualified employer, the telework tax credit is an
- 9 amount equal to the sum of—
- ((A) \$1,000 per qualified employee who
- 11 teleworks 5 days a week,
- 12 "(B) \$800 per qualified employee who
- teleworks 4 days a week,
- 14 "(C) \$600 per qualified employee who
- teleworks 3 days a week,
- 16 "(D) \$400 per qualified employee who
- teleworks 2 days a week, plus
- 18 "(E) \$200 per qualified employee who
- 19 teleworks 1 day a week.
- 20 "(2) QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE.—In the case of a
- 21 qualified employee, the telework tax credit is \$250.
- 22 "(c) Limitation Per Qualified Employer.—In
- 23 the case of a qualified employer, the amount of the
- 24 telework tax credit for a taxable year shall not exceed
- 25 \$15,000.
- 26 "(d) Definitions.—For purposes of this section—

1	"(1) Qualified employer.—The term 'quali-
2	fied employer' means an employer who employs 1 or
3	more qualified employees.
4	"(2) QUALIFIED EMPLOYEE.—The term 'quali-
5	fied employee' means an individual—
6	"(A) who is employed by the individual's
7	employer for not less than 6 months during the
8	taxable year,
9	"(B) who performs services for such em-
10	ployer under a teleworking arrangement during
11	the taxable year,
12	"(C) whose traditional worksite is located
13	not less than 20 miles from the individual's res-
14	idence, and
15	"(D) who has not been treated as a quali-
16	fied employee with respect to such employer
17	during a preceding taxable year.
18	"(3) Teleworking arrangement.—The term
19	'teleworking arrangement' means an arrangement
20	under which an employee teleworks for an employer
21	not less than 1 day per week.
22	"(4) Telework.—The term 'telework' means
23	to perform work functions, using electronic informa-
24	tion and communication technologies, thereby reduc-

- 1 ing or eliminating the physical commute to and from
- 2 the traditional worksite.".
- 3 (b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections
- 4 for subpart B of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1
- 5 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by in-
- 6 serting after the item relating to section 30C the following
- 7 new item:

"Sec. 30D. Credit for teleworking.".

- 8 (c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by
- 9 this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after
- 10 December 31, 2006.

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